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SUBJECT: ISRAEL AND ROMANIA

1. AT HIS REQUEST, ROMANIAN AMB COVACI CALLED ON DCM TODAY. COVACI INITIATED CONVERSATION BY STATING THAT, DESPITE ANY REPORTS WE MAY HAVE HEARD TO THE CONTRARY, (ASSUME HE REFERRING TO REPORTS ON RADIO THIS MORNING) ROMANIA IS NOT RPT NOT BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL (AUSTRIAN AMB TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT HER INFO WAS ROMANIA HAD NOT BROKEN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL BUT WOULD PROBABLY DO SO). COVACI THEN RAN THROUGH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRINCIPLES OF ROMANIAN FOREIGN POLICY, EMPHASIZING ITS "UNIVERSALIST" APPROACH, AT END OF WHICH HE REPEATED THAT ROMANIA HAD NO INTENTION OF BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

2. ONLY OTHER POINT OF POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE IN CONVERSATION WAS COVACI'S EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVT THAT REPORTS OF US AND SOVIET MILITARY RESUPPLY ACTIVITIES MIGHT ESCALATE THE MID EAST CONFLICT INTO A MAJOR CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE "SUPER POWERS." HE ASKED FOR U.S. VIEWS ON THIS PROBLEM. WE PROVIDED HIM WITH COPIES OF BOB MCCLOSKEY'S LAST TWO PRESS CONFERENCES WHICH SEEMED TO SATISFY HIM. WE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THT ROMANIAN GOVT RECOGNIZED THAT IT SHOULD BE LOOKING TO MOSCOW FOR SOME VERY IMPORTANT ANSWERS TO THE KINDS OF QUESTIONS BUCHAREST APPEARS TO HAVE IN

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